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GLENDALE MAN SENTENCED TO 87 MONTHS ON CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES

TUCSON, Ariz. – Carlos Contemplo, 28, of Glendale, AZ, was sentenced here today to 87 months incarceration, by U.S. District Judge David C. Bury. Contemplo had been found guilty by a federal jury on September 22, 2005 of Attempted Transportation and Shipping of Child Pornography and Possession of Child Pornography.

The evidence at trial showed that on March 11, 2004, a special agent of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, acting in an undercover capacity, downloaded five images of child pornography made available for sharing over the internet on a peer to peer file sharing network called "limewire.com" by a specific computer. Using identifying information, the agents traced the computer sharing those files to a residence in Glendale, Arizona. On May 25, 2004, they executed a Federal search warrant and seized the computer. They interviewed the defendant who made admissions that he ran the limewire application, looked for pornography, adult and children, and downloaded images. The only other people living at the house were the defendant's grandparents who are in their late 70's and who were quickly cleared as potential suspects. The first exam of the computer resulted in no images being found, but titles consistent with the titles that were downloaded were found in unallocated space, meaning that they had been deleted. The second exam of the computer, completed just prior to trial, resulted in over 20 images of child pornography in unallocated space, some of which had been partially overwritten. The jury returned verdicts of guilty as to both counts in the indictment. The defendant has been in custody since January of 2006 pending the sentencing hearing.

The sentence of 87 months in custody will be followed by lifetime supervised release, with a number of conditions. One of those conditions will require the defendant to register as a sex offender.

The investigation in this case was conducted by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The prosecution was handled by Judson T. Mihok, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson, Ariz.

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